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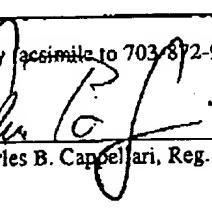
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RESPONSE TO ELECTION REQUIREMENT

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Sir:

In an Office Action mailed on September 25, 2002, the Examiner concluded that claims 422-463 of the above-captioned application are generic to a plurality of patentably distinct species comprising oligonucleotides having different species of 2'-O-alkyl substitutions to the ribofuranosyl moiety of at least one ribonucleotide contained in the oligonucleotides. In response to the Examiner's election of species requirement, Applicants hereby elect the 2'-O-methyl substitution species disclosed in the specification *passim* and recited in pending claims 440 and 463.

No fee is believed due in connection with this Response. If Applicants are mistaken, please charge the amount due to Deposit Account 07-0835 in the name of Gen-Probe Incorporated.

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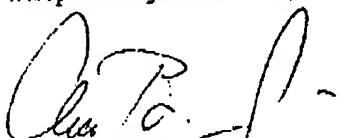
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